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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 21-Feb-03

DATE	PRODUCTION (000)		ICE-PACKED, MULTI-DROP, IMMEDIATE DELIVERY		
	<u>Actual Slaughter</u>	<u>Live Weight</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Weighted Price</u>	<u># of Boxes</u>
02-17	No operations - blizzard		No operations - blizzard		
02-18	1,306	5.31	50-69	57.33	8,476
02-19	2,363	5.14	48-67	55.95	4,402
02-20	2,394	5.18	52-69	58.53	10,041
02-21	3,529	5.15	52-68	59.14	7,715
Weekly	9,591	5.18	Cumulative:	57.98	30,635

NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, Week of 24-Feb-03

Weighted Averages for:	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York	56.57	54.11	47.96
Chicago	55.32	55.28	47.61
Detroit	56.60	56.09	49.10
Los Angeles	65.50	68.66	65.80
12-City Composite	60.38	60.26	56.06

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 21-Feb-03

	<u>Weekly Weighted Average Price</u>	<u>Total Volume/Pounds</u>
Breast - B/S	137.68	1,477,551
Tenderloins	110.48	439,940
Breast - With Ribs	89.67	634,800
Breast - Line Run	86.52	426,558
Legs	30.85	1,091,560
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	21.03	1,944,754
Drumsticks	29.58	424,430
Thighs	32.33	231,000
B/S Thighs	64.38	275,040
Wings (Whole)	74.53	570,060

(Includes NY City metro area, RI, Northern NJ, MA, CT, PA (NE of Harrisburg))

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 15-Feb-03

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>	<u>10-Weeks Prior</u>	<u>7-Weeks Prior</u>
Eggs Set	202,463	201,937	210,479	200,118	201,092
Chicks Placed	166,036	165,277	167,095	162,000	162,324

SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, W/E 15-FEB-03

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
Head (000)	152,044	150,335	157,980
Average Live Weight	5.15	5.05	5.03
To Date 2003 (000)	1,030,168	878,124	-----
To Date 2002 (000)	1,059,932	901,952	-----

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE: Total frozen poultry supplies on 01/31/03 were up 5% from last month and were 7% above last year's level. Total stocks of chicken were down 6% from last month and down slightly from last year. Total pounds of turkeys in freezers increased 31% from last month and were 23% above last year.

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